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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Mike P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Presentation on the Impact of the New Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility

On July 19, 2012, the United States Department of Education announced approval of Michigan's Flexibility Waiver Request. The waiver request allows Michigan to move from the one size fits all requirements of the No Child Left Behind legislation to a more customized approach for districts and schools. By focusing on the three major sections of the waiver request, Michigan will implement and assess the new Common Core State Standards, hold schools accountable for student success, and assure that effective educators are working with students across the state.

Once the approval was received, the Michigan Department of Education staff began working with its partners to implement the various sections of the waiver request. The presentation today is designed to update you on the impact of the waiver request and the steps being taken across the Department to assure that each section of the waiver request is implemented according to the waiver requirements.

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